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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03102005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 is indefinite because of the term "preferably" and "whereby". Claim 1 is indefinite because of the phrase "often". It is unclear whether applicant is trying to positively claim cleaning of metal parts or cleaning of organic material from the stator windings. It is also unclear whether applicant is trying to positively claim the organic material or a resin or varnish. The phrase "gaseous organic substances" lack positive antecedent basis. Claim 1 is further indefinite because it is unclear what is meant by "a new cycle". Does "new cycle" refer to a heating cycle? Claim 1 is further indefinite because there is no positive recitation of cleaning the metal parts, stator, or windings.

Claim 1 is indefinite because of the phrases "whereby", "preferably". Additionally, it is unclear what one would consider as "hot gas" or "large surface". The "organic substances" lack positive antecedent basis. Claim 1 is further indefinite because "the now cleaned air" lacks positive antecedent basis. Claim 2 is indefinite because it is unclear whether "a condensator" is the same or different from the condensator in claim 1. Claim 2 is indefinite because it is unclear what is meant by "atomized in/supplied". Claim 2 is indefinite because it is unclear the structural relationship between the nozzles

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and the condensator. Claim 3 is indefinite because of "preferably". Additionally, "organic substances" lack positive antecedent basis. Claim 4 is indefinite because it is unclear what is the difference between "closed circuit" and "closed pipe system". Claim 4 is indefinite because it is unclear what one would consider as "fresh air". Claim 6 is indefinite because of the "preferably" and "whereby" clauses. Additionally, it is unclear whether applicant is trying to positively claim metal parts, stator, or windings. Claim 6 is indefinite because it is unclear what one of ordinary skill in the art would consider as "controlled conditions". The term "gaseous organic substances" lack positive antecedent basis. It is unclear what is meant by "conducted further on". Claim 6 is indefinite because it is unclear what is meant by new cycle. Claim 7 is indefinite because "the gas stream" lacks positive antecedent basis. Claim 7 is indefinite because it is unclear where the gas stream condenses to? Does the gas stream condense into the liquid vessel? Additionally, it is unclear the structural relationship between the liquid vessel and the nozzles. Claim 9 is indefinite because "the door" lacks positive antecedent basis.

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Gray et al. teach a solvent cleaning system. Sussmeyer et al. teach fractionation of a mixture. Hansmann et al. teach thermal treatment of residual materials. Kearney teaches a degreasing apparatus and method.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art fails to teach a closed pipe circuit where organic material is

evaporated after heating the metal parts in the heating chamber, the evaporated organic material is then conducted to a condensator, where the organic material are condensed, the condensate and air are then transported to a partly liquid filled vessel an the cleaned air is conducted back to the heating chamber.

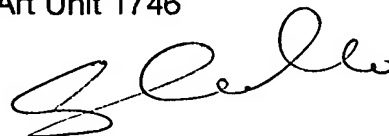
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sharidan Carrillo whose telephone number is 571-272-1297. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 6:00a.m-2:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Barr can be reached on 571-272-1414. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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